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## GENERAL

1. US urges UK and Canadian pressure for Kashmir settlement-- Secretary of State Acheson has informed the Canadian and British Foreign Ministers of his concern over a possible stalemate in India-Pakistan negotiations on the Kashmir issue, and has urged them to raise the problem with the two Dominions during the conference of Commonwealth Foreign Ministers beginning on 9 January in Ceylon. The Secretary urged the two Foreign Ministers to use their influence to impress India, which has been less cooperative than Pakistan, with the necessity of continuing negotiations "on a real give and take basis" until a satisfactory solution is reached. The Secretary also informed the British and Canadians that he planned to "emphasize this point" on 9 January with the Indian and Pakistani Ambassadors to the US.

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## FAR EAST

2. CHINA: Nationalist mines in Yangtze estuary--The US Naval Attache in Shanghai reports that British naval authorities in Formosa and Hong Kong assume that the Chinese Nationalist Navy has laid approximately twenty mines of Chinese manufacture in the Yangtze estuary. The Attache agrees that mines have been laid but seriously doubts whether these initial mines will be efficient either in design or placement or will remain in position against the strong currents.

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